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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: Albrecht WEISS et al.  
Serial No.: 10/840,133 Confirmation No.: 7239  
Filed: May 6, 2004  
For: MICROSCOPE AND MICROSCOPY METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING OVERLAY IMAGES  
Art Unit: 2872  
Examiner: Thong Q. Nguyen  
Customer No: 23280

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the office action dated September 16, 2005 received in the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration of the application based on the following amendments and remarks.